S.S. Kohli Report on defaulters

†1285. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI have examined the report of the working group headed by S.S. Kohli in respect of persons defaulting intentionally;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made in the report; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main recommendations of the Working Group on Wilful Defaulters (under the Chairmanship of Shri S.S. Kohli), relates to:-

* Definition of willful default;
* Siphoning and diversion of funds;
* Procedure to ensure 'end use of funds';
* Penal measures against willful defaulters;
* Liabilities of the Auditors and necessary statutory amendments;

(c) The recommendations of the Group were examined by the Government and suggestions were conveyed to Reserve Bank of India (RBI). RBI accordingly, on 30th May, 2002, issued a circular to all Scheduled Commercial Banks and notified All India Financial Institutions.

Implementation of projects in Assam

1286. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of projects submitted during the last five years by the Government of Assam for implementation through assistance of World Bank as well as other international agencies indicating date of submission, total outlay, target set, date of sanction and present status;

(b) the reason of delay and action taken by Government to clear

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such pending projects including those of Assam Forestry Projects; and

(c) the implementation status of the on-going projects?

(d) THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

Defaulter plantation companies in MP

1287. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plantation companies that raised money by them in Madhya Pradesh, during the last three years;

(b) which are the companies that are being directed by Government of India/Reserve Bank to refund the money to the investors in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether Government are aware that the refund cheques of these companies often bounce and the small investors are put to hardship; and

(d) how Government plans to come to the rescue of the small investors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) regulates collective investment schemes in terms of the SEBI (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations, 1999. Since no CIS entity involving plantation companies from Madhya Pradesh is registered with SEBI under the provisions of SEBI (CIS) Regulations, 1999, the information about amount raised by them in the last three years is not available.

(b) to (d) As regards CIS, order under the SEBI Act, 1992 and SEBI (CIS) Regulations, 1999 was issued to 595 entities directing them to refund the money collected under the schemes with returns which is due to the investors as per the terms of offer within a period of one month from the date of the offer. Members of public have been cautioned through extensive press release/public notices from time to time that they should not invest